POLIPODIUM lonchitis.

Sp. Pl. 1548. *Ray Syn.* 118. *Flo. Scot.* 668. *Flo. Ang.* 456. *Ger. Em.* 1140. *Park.* 1042.

TAB. XIX.

GREAT SPLEENWORT.

THE roots are thick, hard, compact and woody, covered with brown ſcales, very fibrous, and have many ſtumps of decayed leaves remaining upon them.

Leaves from five to ten inches long, ſimply pinnate, perfectly lance-ſhaped, and of a bright and beautiful green; their ſubſtance hard and dry; the rib covered with chaffy ſcales of a pale brown.

Lobes from fifteen to twenty-five pairs, placed alternately, the loweſt pairs ſhort, remote, the reſt growing gradually nearer to the top; they are of an irregular lunated figure, having an ear-like proceſs on the upper edge near the baſe, the lower edge obliquely cut off at the baſe; the body of the lobe curving upwards, the baſe both above and below the nerve entire, the reſt doubly ſerrated, the larger ſerratures terminating in ſharp ſpines.

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